

To: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

As NWMB requested for written submission hearing from all HTA/HTO across Nunavut, Hall Beach Hunters' & Trappers' Association is submitting this letter as they have two issues with the proposed polar bear management plan. First of all, the names of the Inuktitut for polar bear, and harvested bears being use for nearest community.

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Second and final issue with the proposed polar bear management plan is the harvested bears would be taken out of the nearest community. In the proposed management plan states that "all bears harvested, whether for subsistence purposes, sport hunts, or in defence of life/property, are accounted for and subtracted from the annual TAH of the nearest community" (pg-21). Hall Beach HTA has spoken about this issue at the QWB annual general meeting for number of times that this needs to be modified more specific of how the tags would be taken out of nearest community. Hall Beach HTA are arguing that if Igloolik residents harvested past our area than it is certain that we would be giving out tags that Hall Beach residents has never harvested before or vice-versa. If Nunavut beneficiary harvested or some Qallunaa (who has a wife from the community and living in the community) harvested a bear whether for defence/property prevention it should be taken out of the beneficiary community, where he lives, not the nearest community. Also part of this issue that is in page 50- 4, if all the tags are filled up from beneficiaries community than the tag would be used from nearest community, Hall Beach HTA believes that this will have great impact for Hall Beach TAH as Igloolik residents are very common to see in our area during the peak of polar bear encounters in south of Hall Beach, HTA are recommending that the system we use still be in effect, where when no TAH is available in the community be used for future TAH.

In conclusion, Hall Beach HTA would like to see omission of Inuktitut Names that is currently in the proposed management plan and the harvested bears being used up for defense/property kills on nearest community be applied to only exploration and research activities.

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